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NEWS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging Anthony Diggs with numerous crimes relating to the robberies of delivery- and cab-drivers in Northeast Philadelphia between September and November 2007. The charges against Diggs include conspiracy, six counts of Hobbs Act Robbery, three counts of using a firearm in connection with those robberies, and armed carjacking.

According to the indictment, Diggs used cell phones and pay phones to order items for delivery from local businesses. Upon delivery, Diggs would rob the employees making the deliveries of items including food, cell phones, and cash. In an October 2007 incident, Diggs also robbed the delivery driver of his 2005 Honda automobile.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Anthony Diggs	Philadelphia, PA	19

If convicted of all charges, Diggs faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment; a \$2,750,000 fine; 5 years supervised release; and a \$1,100 special assessment. The defendant would face a mandatory minimum term of 57 years imprisonment, consecutive to any other sentence imposed, for conviction of the three gun charges.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a federal initiative designed to identify and prosecute firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendant is likely to receive a substantial sentence upon conviction.

This case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Stephen Miller.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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